

Building Bright Futures

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Make a Difference Day at Summit Ridge Middle School

Summit Ridge Middle School students volunteering time in the community and at school

When: Thursday, April 23, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Summit Ridge Middle School

11809 Coal Mine Ave. Littleton, CO 80127

What: Many Summit Ridge Middle School students are participating in Make a

Difference Day, a national day of volunteering. Students will give their

time at 24 different locations. There will also be service projects

happening at Summit Ridge Middle School throughout the school day.

For complete times and locations please contact Stacey Stillwell at <u>dsstillwell@q.com</u> or 720-220-1625.

Background:

Make a Difference Day is a national day of volunteering, and the largest single day of volunteering in the country. The event, sponsored by the Gannett Company, Points of Light, Newman's Own, and *NBC News*, encourages everyone to do something that improves the life of another.

Summit Ridge Middle School students who are participating in Make a Difference Day will go in small, supervised groups into the community to serve as volunteers. There are a variety of locations, including preschools, senior centers, animal shelters, homeless shelters, outdoor park cleanup or gardening, ARC thrift stores, Art for Nations, food banks, and horse rescues. Students will be traveling to these locations at various times throughout the school day, some for the entire day.

There also will be service projects scheduled throughout the day at Summit Ridge Middle School. These projects include making "no-sew" fleece blankets for Children's Hospital, making dog toys and biscuits for animal shelters, writing letters of thanks to active duty



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military, decorating bags for Meals on Wheels, and recycling plastic bags into "yarn" that will be donated to Urban Peak to make waterproof mats for the homeless.

All volunteer opportunities and service projects have been designed to provide students an opportunity to serve and make a difference in their community.

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